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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a one-week waiting period prior to the
2 receipt of unemployment compensation benefits and including
3 effective date and applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 96.4, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. *a.* The individual has satisfied a
4 one-week waiting period during the individual's benefit year.
5 To satisfy the waiting period, the individual, with respect to
6 the week in question:

7 (1) Must be unemployed.

8 (2) Must have filed a claim for benefits in accordance with
9 the provisions of section 96.6, subsection 1.

10 (3) Must be eligible for benefits from this state. However,
11 during the one-week waiting period, the individual must not
12 have received benefits from this state or any other state, and
13 must not be eligible for benefits from any other state.

14 *b.* If the individual has satisfied the one-week waiting
15 period and the department finds the individual is eligible
16 for benefits for the week subsequent to the one-week waiting
17 period, the individual shall then be paid benefits for the
18 one-week waiting period provided the individual meets all other
19 eligibility requirements of this section.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 3, 2011.

21 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to unemployment
22 compensation benefit claims with an effective date on or after
23 July 3, 2011.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires an individual to satisfy a one-week
26 waiting period during the individual's benefit year in order
27 to receive unemployment compensation benefits. The bill
28 requires that, regarding the week in question, the individual
29 must be unemployed, must have filed a claim for benefits in
30 accordance with Code section 96.6(1), and must be eligible
31 for benefits in the state of Iowa. The bill requires that
32 the individual, regarding the week in question, must not have
33 received unemployment compensation benefits from the state of
34 Iowa or any other state, and must not have been eligible to
35 receive benefits from any other state. The bill also provides

1 that the individual will be eligible to receive benefits for
2 the one-week waiting period, provided that the department of
3 workforce development finds, for the week immediately following
4 the one-week waiting period, that the individual satisfied all
5 other requirements of Code section 96.4.

6 The bill is effective July 3, 2011, and applies to
7 unemployment compensation benefit claims effective on or after
8 July 3, 2011.